

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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November 3, 2017

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**Outdoor Aquatics Survey:** The Department of Leisure Services is reviewing the operation of its neighborhood pools to examine how well it meets the needs of the community during the eight-week summer season. Leisure Services invites residents to answer a [brief seven-question survey](#) to get feedback. The survey period ends November 12.

A community outreach meeting will follow on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 PM at Elmwood Community Center to review the survey results and receive additional comments from residents about the town's pools and splash pads.

**Tax bills are due:** Motor vehicle tax bills that were mailed on October 6th are due Nov. 1. The last day to pay without penalty is Friday, December 1, 2017. The bills are based on the current State legislation of 32 mills.

**Electronic Speed Signs:** In an effort to raise awareness and reduce speeding motorists through neighborhoods, the Town Council directed the Engineering Division to implement a creative and cost effective solution. With the help of Public Works, 14 new electronic speed signs were recently installed along major roadways. Motorists exceeding the speed limit will see their speed on the digital display and the words 'SLOW DOWN.'

The signs also collect valuable traffic speed and volume data which can be used by the Engineering and Planning Divisions as well as the Police Department enforcement efforts.

A new trailer-mounted sign was also purchased and will be deployed throughout town by the Police Department.

**Pumpkin Drop-off Drive:** The Department of Public Works is offering a special pumpkin drop-off drive to help reduce the weight placed in our curbside trash containers. The pumpkins will be taken to an organic waste processing plant and turned into clean renewable energy. Diverting waste from the waste stream helps to reduce the cost of waste disposal.

Pumpkins can be dropped off at Public Works,

17 Brixton Street, in a marked dumpster located on the southeast side of the main parking lot starting on Wednesday November 1, 2017 through November 15, 2017. This pumpkin drop-off drive is available to residents only.

**Community Counseling for Elders:** The Bridge Family Center is now a Medicare provider for senior citizens who desire mental health counseling. Community Counseling for Elders supports a range of issues including anxiety and depression, end-of-life issues, grief and loss, life transitions, and chronic illness. The Bridge's counseling services also offer support for caregivers of aging parents.

**Flags on graves of Veterans:** Help is needed to place American flags on the 1200+ military grave sites at Fairview Cemetery on Saturday, November 4. If you can help, simply come to cemetery at 8:30 AM. Please bring a screwdriver or tool to aid in planting the flags.

Anyone who has a relative or friend buried at Fairview Cemetery whose grave is not properly identified as that of a veteran, is encouraged to contact the Cemetery Office at 860-521-5270, so a flag can be installed there.

**Maximum Daily Parking Rates changes:** The maximum daily rate in the Brace Road lot, Farmington Ave. lot and Town Hall lot will be removed on November 15, per Council resolution on 10/11/17. Instead of the flat fee of \$7 for unlimited hours, motorists will be charged \$1.50 per hour with a 30-minute grace period.

**Vote on November 7<sup>th</sup>:** To learn more about the candidates running for Town Council and Board of Education, click on the [League of Women Voters](#) 2017 Voter Guide.

West Hartford has nine voting districts. Voters can find out if they are registered to vote and their polling place at the [Secretary of the State's "Look Up" site](#). The polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00PM.

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